

Amendments to the Claims

1-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently Amended) A method ~~to reduce~~for reducing phytotoxicity ~~of~~caused by physical and/or chemical treatment for a fruit or vegetable, comprising ~~applying~~treating said fruit or vegetable by applying such physical and/or chemical treatment to said fruit or vegetable, and applying a composition comprising lecithins and/or derivatives thereof to said fruit or vegetable, wherein:

the physical treatment is carried out by means of heat or cold;

the chemical treatment is conducted with an agent selected from foliar fertilisers based on calcium chloride, tolyfluanid, diphenylamine, orthophenylphenol, imazalil, ethoxyquine, hydroxyl-function terpenes having antioxidant and/or fungicidal functions.

40. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the lecithins and/or derivatives contain one or more lysolecithins and/or derivatives.

41. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the lecithins and/or derivatives contain between 30% and 60% of lysolecithins and/or derivatives.

42. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the derivatives are selected from distearyl, dipalmityl or dioleoyl compounds of phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylinositol, phosphatidylethanolamine or phosphatic acid and optionally the corresponding lyso derivatives or mixtures thereof.

43. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the lecithins and/or derivatives and the treatment(s) are applied simultaneously, separately or staggered over time.

44. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 39, wherein the lecithins and/or derivatives are formulated either in an aqueous solution or in a vegetable oil, and then diluted in an aqueous dispersion before the treatment.
45. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the lecithins and/or derivatives are applied to the fruit and vegetable at a dose of between 10 and 5000 ppm.
46. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the treatment agent is selected from hydroxyl-function terpenes having antioxidant and/or fungicidal functions.
47. (Previously Presented) A composition containing one or more treatment agents for fruits and vegetables and one or more lecithins and/or derivatives thereof, dissolved in an oil base.
48. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the treatment agents and lecithins are formulated in order to be administered simultaneously, separately or staggered over time.
49. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the treatment agents are hydroxyl-function terpenes having antioxidant and/or fungicidal functions.
50. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 49, wherein the hydroxyl-function terpenes are selected from eugenol, isoeugenol, farnesol, menthol, linalool, p-menthan-1,8-diol, terpineol, citronellol, geraniol, one of the salts thereof which are acceptable in foodstuffs or mixtures thereof.
51. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 49, wherein the hydroxyl-function terpenes are selected from eugenol, isoeugenol, the salts thereof which are

acceptable in foodstuffs or mixtures thereof.

52. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the oil base is a vegetable oil.

53. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, which contains between 5% and 70% of treatment agents, 1% and 50% of lecithins and/or derivatives, and 10% and 70% of oil base.

54. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, which contains from 10% to 30% of eugenol, from 10% to 40% of lecithins and/or derivatives, and from 30% to 60% of vegetable oil.

55. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 53, which contains between 5% and 15% of lysolecithins and/or derivatives thereof.

56. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 47, wherein a ratio of lecithins and/or derivatives relative to the treatment agent is ~~between 0.3 and 3~~ from 1:3 to 3:1.

57. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 56, wherein the ratio is from ~~0.5 to 1.5~~ 1:2 to 1.5:1.

58. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the lecithins and/or derivatives are lysolecithins and/or derivatives thereof.

59. (Previously Presented) A method for treating a fruit or vegetable comprising applying to the fruit or vegetable a composition according to claim 47.

60. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 59, wherein the composition is diluted in water at a ratio of from 1 to 20 l/m³ of water.
61. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 59, wherein the composition is diluted beforehand in water and applied at a temperature of from 30° to 60°C.
62. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 59, wherein the composition is applied by means of immersion, showering, sprinkling or coating using an absorbent paper.
63. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 59, wherein the application of the composition is carried out after harvesting the fruit or vegetable.
64. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 59, wherein the application of the composition is carried out before harvesting the fruit or vegetable by means of spraying.
65. (Previously Presented) A method for treating a fruit or vegetable comprising applying, to the fruit or vegetable, lecithins and/or derivatives thereof, before, after, or at the same time as a physical treatment of the fruit or vegetable by means of heat or cold.
66. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a composition according to claim 47, comprising adding the lecithins or derivatives to the oil base followed by addition of the treatment agent(s).
67. (Previously Presented) A method for preserving lecithins and/or derivatives thereof comprising mixing one or more treatment agents with the lecithins and/or derivatives, as defined according to claim 39, in an oil base.
68. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 67, wherein the treatment

agent has antioxidant, fungicidal or bactericidal properties.

69. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 67 or 68, wherein the treatment agent is eugenol.

70. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 67 or 68, wherein the treatment agent represents from 1 to 50% by weight of the lecithins and/or derivatives.

71. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 69, wherein the treatment agent represents from 1 to 50% by weight of the lecithins and/or derivatives.